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| [Powered by iRubric](http://www.irubric.com/)**Descriptive Paragraph** | | | | | | |
|  | **Excellent** **5 pts** | **Very Good** **4 pts** | **Good** **3 pts** | **Fair** **2 pts** | **Needs Improvement** **1 pts** |  |
| **Opening Paragraph** | Excellent  Strong opening that commands attention. | Very Good  Very good opening. | Good  Opening is present, but not strong. | Fair  Opening is present but weak in getting reader's attention. | Needs Improvement  Poor opening -does not command reader's attention. |  |
| **Concluding Paragraph** | Excellent  Conclusion is in the right place-gives a creative closure with a personal connection. | Very Good  Conclusion is in the right place and gives very good closure. | Good  Conclusion is in right place-not very clear. | Fair  Conclusion is present but not properly placed at the end of the essay. | Needs Improvement  No clear conclusion-essay just ends. |  |
| **Physical Description/Details** | Excellent  Physical appearance described thoroughly and several details are given with action. | Very Good  Physical appearance described and enough details are given with action. | Good  Fair physical description with a fair amount of details with little action. | Fair  Physical description is included but needs more details and barely any action. | Needs Improvement  Poor physical description and barely any details are present with no action. |  |
| **Spelling/Punctuation** | Excellent  No spelling errors and all sentences have correct punctuation. | Very Good  One spelling or one punctuation error. | Good  Two spelling or punctuation errors. | Fair  Three spelling or punctuation errors. | Needs Improvement  Four or more spelling or punctuation errors. |  |
| **Grammar/Usage** | Excellent  No grammar/usage errors. | Very Good  One grammar/usage error. | Good  Two grammar/usage errors. | Fair  Three grammar/usage errors. | Needs Improvement  Four or more grammar/usage errors. |  |
| **Final Draft** | Excellent  Neatly typed or written in ink; correct margins and first sentence indented along with the title and name written on the correct lines. | Very Good  Typed or written in ink; correct margins first sentence indented along with the title and name written on the correct lines. | Good  Typed or written in ink; margins mostly correct and first sentence indented with either title or name in the right place. | Fair  Legibly typed or written in ink; correct margins and first sentence indented along with neither title and name written on the correct lines. | Needs Improvement  Poorly typed or written in ink; incorrect or lack of margins, and first sentence not indented and title or name may be missing. |  |

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